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ARENA REPORT

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Thanks for
renewal. How
about that
letter from Ark.
You better beware.

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
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Orlando Arena
Orlando, FL

Ron

Welcome readers to another round of Arena Report. I have lots of business to discuss so let's dig in to what you'll find in this packed issue. I finally did receive Marianne Ryan's "Notes From The Parking Lot" the day after last issue was in the mail. I need to get Scott Dickinson on the hopper and get that postal service in shape. That graces this ish and I'm sure you'll enjoy it. Also, the "Peach State Kid" has another review on the Georgia grappling scene. Evan Ginzburg and Mike Terry grace us with their columns as well. All should be fun reading. We have reports from the Titan TV tapings which took place last week in Springfield and Providence as well as the usual "Ramblings", letters and "Correspondent's Corner".

We'll be back at you next week with an issue coming from St. Petersburg and the NWA, home of "Starcade '90". Marianne's column will once again appear as that issue will be her regular slot, right along side Jersey Joe and his cosmicness. It's almost my two year anniversary of doing "AR" and I've decided that I need to get a handle on what my readers like and don't like. So next issue I will have a survey on the last page. (Don't worry, there won't be anything on the other side to save.) The small incentive is one free issue of "AR". I told you it was small. Seriously, I really would appreciate it if you would take the time to fill it out. I will list all the columns and sections that appear in Arena Report and I would like you to rate them 1-10. No one will know the results as it's for my benefit only. Now for the future of "AR"... Since Cheryl and I are expecting our first little Dump on October 29, I will not be attending any live shows in October. We don't want Slick delivering a baby, right Mr. Mullins? I will still have two issues in Oct. but the main report will come from someone else. Also, starting in January 1991, I will go on a regular bi-weekly schedule publishing on every other Monday. That should put all the questions and rumors about me going weekly to rest. Maybe 1992, but not next year. Right now we have three excellent weeklies and I don't believe there is room for a fourth. I'll be happy being a decent bi-weekly for now thank you.

Arena Report is published twice per month at the cost of 75¢ per issue. A number appears at the top left corner indicating how many you have remaining on your sub. All subs, renewals, letters, match reports, etc. may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct. Lake Mary, FL 32746. Now let's go to O-Town and the Fed where I was accompanied by my very pregnant wife Cheryl. What a guy. Bringing his wife to wrestling when she's in that condition.

Opening Match

Hercules beat Ronnie Garvin in 13:56. Lots of baaaad comedy ending with Ron pulling Hercs tights down. I bet he enjoyed it. "Power & Glory"? How about "Boring & Glory"? Garvin tried a sunset flip from the apron but Herc grabbed the ropes and pinned him. -*

2nd Match

Black Bart over Pez Whatley with an over the knee backbreaker at 11:04. More bad comedy. Bad stuff. -**

WWF Tag Team Championship

Demolition retained their tag titles by turning back the Hart Foundation at 15:25. Figures. The best worker of the three Demos, Smash is the one taking the night off at ringside. Bryan Adams is bad. He works too light. He gave Bret a backbreaker over his knee but he did it so gently, it looked terrible. First 10 minutes were horrible but last five were real good. Two good false finishes. Bret was pounding on Ax from the middle rope when Crush came in and Bret turned and leaped off the second rope onto him. He followed with russian leg sweep and cover and the fans popped. Crush kicked out. Anvil was hurt outside during all of this. Demo then went for their finisher but Neidhart broke it up before Crush came off the ropes but they threw him outside the ring and gave Bret the finisher and two count. Bret finally had Ax rolled up but Smash entered the ring and clotheslined Hart and Ax covered for the win. ** $\frac{1}{4}$

Return Match

Jake Roberts downed Bad News Brown via DQ in 9:50. I don't know why this was a return since Jake pinned him last time they were here. This is one feud that is way past its prime. Did it ever have one? Brown had his cage full of emptiness with him. Brown headbutted the referee for the DQ. *

5th Match

Haku beat Barry O in 7:30. Barry was a sub for Paul Diamond. I was looking forward to seeing Barry O as I've heard some good reviews since his return. He was a little hesitant with his moves but he still looked pretty good. Fans piss me off. If they don't know the "star", they chant boring. One of the better bouts of the night. Haku took it with his savate kick. No body parts bitten tonight. * $\frac{1}{2}$

6th Match

Jim Brunzell over Bob Bradley with a flying dropkick at 7:07. Bradley was a sub for the injured Rick Martel. Bradley was acting like a heel Jimmy Snuka. He did a handspring into an elbow as good as The Pearl did last week. Snicker, snicker. $\frac{1}{4}$ *

Main Event-Tag Team Match

Hacksaw Duggan & Tugboat beat Earthquake & Dino Bravo in 13:26. Do you realize the guys involved in this main event are the four worst workers (pushed) in the WWF? Rumors had been circulating on Tuggies status in the Fed so I was interested to see if he was here tonight. Too bad, he was. Jimmy Hart does a great intro of Quake. With that rumbling on the P.A. and the intro, it sounds great. Fans were tooting when Tugboat got the hot tag. He actually slammed Quake and it was a full slam. Duggan hit Bravo with the 2x4 to end the bout. $\frac{1}{2}$ *

Notes

Attendance was 5,700 which is impressive considering the main event. They did a real good walk up. They return on 9/9 with this line up: Warrior-Rude, Hennig-Roberts, Bad News-Duggan, Orient's-Wackers, Snuka-Barbie, and Koko-Genius.....When the ring announcer went over Summerslam line up, the fans popped more for Ultimate than Hogan.....

PLUG

John Lanigan, P.O. Box 583, McKeesport, PA 15134 has 4 copies of Bruno's recent autobiography for sale at the regular price of \$14.95 plus \$4.05 for priority mail and handling. (\$19.00 total) All books contain Bruno's personal handwritten signature.

Ramblings

Notes from Titan tapings on 8/7 from Springfield, MA which was a Wrestling Challenge taping: Tugboat came out and announced Hogan wouldn't be there as his father had triple bypass surgery and he wanted to be by his father's side. (This is legit.).....Dino Bravo beat Jim Brunzell and then Earthquake quaked Brunzell who was carried out on a stretcher....Shane Douglas was on the losing end of squash tag bouts....Brother Love introduced Sgt. Slaughter and Nicolai Volkoff came out and the two got into it to start their feud.... Kerry Von Erich beat Barry O....Jake Roberts beat Bad News in a dark match via DQ when Brown headbutted ref Shane McMahon....Haku has a huge welt above his eye from his bar room brawl....Dusty Rhodes beat Randy Savage in a dark match. **¼....Power and Glory got no reaction but they have a hot finisher where Herc superplexes the jobber and Roma comes off the top rope with a splash right away....Sgt. Slaughter beat Jim Powers....Quake over Duggan which was dark via DQ. *....Von Erich & Ultimate Warrior beat Curt Hennig & Rick Rude when Warrior splashed Curt. Hot match. ***¼

Notes from tapings in Providence on 8/8 which was taped for Superstars of Wrestling: Here is an indication if you still had doubts that the Harts would win the straps at Summer Slam. They did promos and interviews and then left the building at 6:15 and never came back to work the tapings....Orient Express beat Brunzell & Powers for Prime Time....Brother Love had Sherri as his guest. She wanted Warrior to sign a contract with Savage. Warrior comes out and tears the contract up and states that he doesn't need a contract. Sherri ends up slapping him and Ultimate destroys the set. Savage didn't make the save because he wasn't at this taping. He'll be taking six weeks off as will Sherri who was recently married....Kerry and Warrior once again beat Hennig & Rude....DiBiase beat Boss Man via DQ....Bro Love had Hulk Hogan as his guest and Hulk said since Tugboat has been injured, Boss Man would be in his corner at Summer Slam. There are a lot of different stories going around on that one as some say McMahon pulled Tugboat off Summer Slam as a disciplinary action, while some claim the angle will take place in Utica for the USA special, and still others say he suffers from that sickness where you fall asleep for no reason at all. Kind of like what happens when I watch him wrestle....Hogan beat Bravo with the legdrop. Not really much happened. Thanks to Louie Fortuna, Dan Reilly, and Scott Dickinson for the above info....Dan's son Kevin had a Sting t-shirt on and they were in the second row but officials gave him a 2x4 without raising a fuss about the shirt....

Ivan Koloff replaced Ron Simmons last week as Ron had asked Jim Herd for last week off. Problem is, Herd didn't tell Ole about it. One of the matches this weekend had Koloff & Reed vs. Gibson & Pillman as Morton had the night off for a reunion....Tom Zenk missed his dates this weekend due to woman troubles....Detroit drew 2,500 (best in a few months) as get this result, Junkyard Dog pinned Barry Windham....Warwick, RI on 9/1 has Ted DiBiase vs. Kerry Von Erich....PWF in Tampa on 8/9 saw Steve Keirn beat Robert Fuller in a Florida title vs. North American title so Keirn holds both belts. Nasty Boys beat Lou Perez and Joe Gomez via DQ....Officials of the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix has told the WWF they want no more shows in their building which sends Vince on an arena scouting mission as future tapings were to be held in Phoenix and Tucson....Why do the NWA syndies continue to give away finishes before the bouts run on WCW? They should run highlights the week after....I know Dutch Mantell is a mid level guy but why make him do a job for Lou "I have less charisma than my brother Al" Perez, and then try to pawn off an Arn-Perez bout as a main event....Shawn Michaels popped his knee on 8/4 in Augusta, GA. His first match back will be the PPV....Jim Herd sent Ole a memo wanting only the younger guys pushed. He wants Hansen off TV. Nothing like taking listening to the sheets to the extreme....Word out of Dallas is that the USWA may be history since losing KTVT-channel 11 to Titan....

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NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

By

Marianne Ryan

Forgive me if my brain is a bit fuzzy. I'm trying to recover from a hellish evening, courtesy of Pat Tanaka. Pat took myself and three friends out for drinks following the matches at Milwaukee's Bradley Center, 7/15. After countless shots of Sex on the Beach, we all decided we better call it a night before we forgot which hotels we were all staying in. The morning after, one of my friends humorously noted she could honestly say she got sick after having Sex on the Beach with Pat. Of course, some minds will probably twist that around, just as they have with another beach incident.

Only hours after hearing about Brutus Beefcake's accident, I was being told variations on it which only proved how quickly the grapevine moves, and how badly it can twist things around. Someone told me he was jet-skiing and crashed. Another said it was a boating mishap. There was a report of a fractured skull and brain damage. Someone else said he was in a hospital in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Sapphire and a few others visited Brutus in his Tampa hospital room five days after the accident. He was in fair condition and fair spirits. He recognized everyone and remembered what happened. It's too bad it will be a long time before he can forget. But while cutting and strutting were about the wildest the Barber got, Ed Leslie liked to make the most out of life. From speed boats and para-sailing to racing his Harley to getting into the fast food business (he is part-owner of a place in Anaheim called Chick-A-Mania), Ed liked to live life to the edge. This time, he tripped and fell over the edge, and most likely took his career with him.

But enough of this depressing stuff. I have to admit to a bit of shock at Michael Hayes' new look. Watching Michael with his hair slicked back and wearing more eye make-up at the time than I wear in an entire month, I couldn't help but get the feeling that at any moment he would break out into a chorus of "Sweet Transvestite." I got an idea. He and Jimmy Jam can become the "Rocky Horror" tag team and bill themselves as being from "Transsexual Transylvania." I mean, can it be that different from Bad Street?

Did you hear about the new tag team in the WWF? No, not the Legion of Doom, but Hercules and Paul Roma. I had to laugh because when the Young Stallions broke up, Paul said it was because having a partner was holding him back. Paul's forte was aerial moves, and that didn't work well with Jim Powers, who was more power-oriented. Paul felt he could do much better on his own. So it only makes sense for him to now team up with Hercules, a man known for his aerial ability and who is certainly one of the WWF's rising stars.

Out of curiosity, is there anyone out there who really wants to see a Nikolai Volkof-Boris Zhukov match?

I'm feeling pretty impressed with myself. I'm getting comp tickets from Titan for SummerSlam, and am also going to the tapings in Hershey and Wheeling right after. If anyone else is going to be there, let me know, it would be fun to get together.

And finally, let me share one of my favorite memories from the past month. I rode with Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart to matches in Peoria and South Bend. Jim said he'd drive back to Chicago from Peoria. Most of the way, Jim was going between 90mph and 110mph. I sat in the back reminding myself that if I die, I do so in good company. As we hit the outskirts of the city, Jim found himself about to pass a State Trooper doing about 70mph. Alas, it was too late. The cop pulled him over and gave him a speeding ticket.

I thought it was ironic that Jim drove like a madman, doing 110mph without a problem, but as soon as he slows down to a semi-respectable speed, he gets a ticket. Maybe that's something Brutus knows only too well, and why he is the way he is. If you're going to have to pay, you might as well enjoy yourself. And that's probably why, although we may never see Brutus wrestle again, months from now, you'll probably be able to find Ed on a sunny beach in Florida, para-sailing with his friends. Until next time...

* an alcoholic beverage

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

SOMEBODY SAY SUMPIN' 'BOUT GETTIN' FIRED UP ?! No? Well then...let's get on with yet another issue of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Onward.....

THE OMNI (08-05-90) W.W.F.:Hercules Hernandez pinned a debuting Dustin Rhodes in a putrid excuse of a wrestling match -*..Shane Douglas and Steve Lombardi went to 17:00 of a 20:00 draw. Steve Prazak and I started a "Go, Johnny, Go!" chant at Shane. He did look pretty good, though 3/4*..Ragged Ronnie Garvin pinned Bob Bradley with a roll-up. Bradley did perhaps the worst handspring elbow I've ever seen DUD..Kerry "Mr.One-derfoot" Von Erich and The Anabolic Warrior defaeted Curt Hennig and Rick Rude as Warrior pinned Hennig with a splash cean in the middle. Warrior was not in except for the last :20 with Kerry looking pretty good **1/4..Tony Atlas pinned Haku with a high crossbody. Once again, we embarrassed ouselves by starting a "Brody!" chant at Atlas. Shame on us -*..Marty Jannetty pinned Pat Tanaka using Shawn Michaels' cane (more later) *1/4..Big Bossman pinned Ted DiBiase with a roll-up in the afternoon's best match. Good heat throughout and the work was darn impressive **3/4..NEWS AND NOTES: The Rockers vs. Orient Express match turned into a single Jannetty vs. Tanaka affair as Michaels was announced as injured the previous night. Michaels and Akio Sato were at ringside but Shawn was in civilian clothes and limping noticably..Titan had ceiling strobes mounted in the Omni to simulate camera flashes. That was damn distracting and amateurish..Dino Pulio, the ring announcer is dead ringer (if you clothes your eyes) for Howard Finkel..They return on 10-07 with Demolition vs. L.O.D. & Anabolic on top..(ATT:2000 with heavy paper.)

COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER (08-06-90) N.W.A. TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 18, 1990: NWA Pro Wrestling-Pillman over Thor..Vader over Rose..Southern Boys over Freebirds by DQ due to Buddy Roberts interference. The heels triple-teamed The Boys until Bob Armstrong came down from the announcer's table to make the save and destroy the trophy. Good heat..Doom over The Fake-tastics when Simmons pinned Jackie. Fultons were much better than debut weekend..Junkfood and Orndorff over The State Patrol when Paul pinned Parker. Arn and Sid walked up with Gigante making the walking save. Not bad..World Championship Wrestling- Southern Boys over teh Ford Brothers..Hansen over Blalock..Luger over Kyle..Vicious over Carr..Pillman and Zenk over Midnight Express due to Vicious' interference. Yes, SID Vicious. Sid beat-up everyone in site including Cornette. No turn for anyone, just getting Sid over as a monster with no friends except the Horsemen..Jackie Fulton over Bob Holly..Ivan Koloff over Williams..Luger over Martin..Vicious over Horowitz..Worldwide Wrestling- Rock and Rolls over the Midnight Express when Gibson pinned Lane with a sunset flip. Nontitle..Doom over Williams and Blalock..Hansen over Cazana..Hector Guererro over Kyle..Vicious, Arn, and Flair over Parker, Batten, and Holly as all three heels used their respective finishers. Parker submitted to the figure four of Flair. JFD, Orndorff, and Gigante run-in..Sting over Sullivan..Main Event- Hansen over Carr..Luger over Arn by DQ with, you guessed it, a run in..NEWS AND NOTES: Hector has lost at least 40 pounds..This was basically the Sid Vicious Show..Boys/Birds on NWA Pro was really heat packed and looked great..Why is Koloff in ?!..Oh yeah, Scott Steiner over Mantell in WCW in a Vomit Match (as in, who can make me vomit first). Match sucked..They alternate taping sites between Marietta and Gainesville for the month of August and September..(ATT: 1325)..So long from the Peach St

THE LAST WORD...

MON, JULY 16, 1990

THE ATLANTA INSTITUTION

GAMES & FACES/Manion Mahua

Some real blood

There's no fakery here. Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake has been wiped out of World Wrestling Federation action for at least 18 months. While on a lake near Tampa, Beefcake, whose real name is Edward Leslie, suffered fractures in every bone of his face when a woman accidentally plowed into him while para-sailing. He underwent almost

nine hours of surgery and is expected to be released from the hospital shortly.

"The blow was totally unexpected," said fellow wrestler B. Brian Blair, with Beefcake at when the mishap occurred. "As he turned around, he took a knee right to the face. The doctor said it was a blow that would have killed most people."

A PIECE OF MY MIND BY EVAN GINZBURG

Just about every time I read a sheet, I pick up on the fact that bulletin editors generally despise the WWF and are disappointed in the NWA. Quite frankly, it gets a bit monotonous and I'm as big a culprit as anyone else since I've certainly devoted enough space in this column to the very same subjects. Thus, I've decided to delve into 3 themes I don't see too often in wrestling fandom.

Here is a piece of my mind.

INDEPENDENT PROMOTERS: PENNY WISE & POUND FOOLISH

Recently, Stan Hansen & Terry Funk wrestled an indie date out in Jersey. I **would** have travelled the 3 hours to see this bout, and so **would** many other hardcore fans. The only problem was that after several phone calls, I still was unable to attain the exact address of the event. The solution to this ongoing problem (and it is a consistent source of annoyance as countless fans have complained that they find out about shows **after** they're over) is so simple it's shocking. Either promoters are just plain cheap or they're universally anti-kayfabe sheet, because all they have to do is xerox about 50 fliers with the line-up and address and send it out weeks in advance to **every** bulletin. For under \$20 they get a national chain of **free** publicity that reaches literally thousands of fans who **want** to know about their product. Wake up promoters and realize we're your biggest fans and supporters. Businessmen dream about free publicity and you're letting it slip right through your fingers...

WRESTLING HARDCORES- A "SWELL" BUNCH

This is something I've been meaning to address for some time. Having finally put out my own bulletin this year, I've learned that the "cliche" of the wrestling fan as "social retard" is long outdated. Sure, there are still a fair amount of eccentrics and borderline psychotics(!) but the vast majority of fans are highly literate, have diverse careers and interests, and you can have a damn good time with them **even** at non-wrestling related events! What I'm really trying to say in all seriousness and sincerity is that some of my readers have become more than that; they've become friends.

With that in mind, I'd like to acknowledge the fact that there are many fans out there that support multiple sheet editors. Nobody **needs** 20 subscriptions but guys like Dore DeQuattro and Dan Reilly open their hearts (and wallets!) and do so as a sign of morale support. (I couldn't begin to thank Dan enough for all he's done to get my sheet off the ground). These are great guys, and I'm not even going to attempt to acknowledge the 50-100 fans that fit into this very same category, because I'd ultimately leave someone out. In Wrestling-Then & Now (\$6/6 issues-PO Box 471 Oakland Gdns. Station Flushing, NY 11364), I have a Reader Profile segment in each issue and in recent months I've had such hardcores as Gary Fishman, Boyce Johansen, Nancy Sodano, Rodney Leighton & Dan describe themselves and their experiences in wrestling. Hopefully it serves as a tribute to them.

Anyway, there's no need to belabor this point as I can sum it up in one word--**THANKS!**

RICHARD BELZER UPDATE

The Belz admitted on the Howard Stern radio show that he collected \$310,000 from the Hulk Hogan lawsuit and bought a house in France with it...in a hilarious Stern re-run, Belzer & a 7 year old reviewed "No Holds Barred". Belzer claimed it was anti-Semitic and racist and the kid called him an "idiot" and wished "Hulk Hogan would drop him on his head again." Stern asked the kid if he liked the electrocution scene. The boy said "Yes." Stern followed by asking him if he liked when the villain made in his pants. Adam responded with another enthusiastic "yes." Belzer finally told Adam he should "go to Nazi youth school!". No wonder I quit teaching children...

That about does it gang...your comments, criticisms, gifts, phone #'s of single girlfriends are always welcome...See you all next month...

It's My Two Cents
by Mike Terry

Maybe sweltering through this summer without air conditioning has me edgy. Or maybe it's just an overabundance of people acting like boneheads. Who for instance? Glad you asked. First--all those who have effectively nominated Vince McMahon for an Academy Award for his part in the Hulk Hogan-Earthquake angle. Big deal! The guy bellows orders to his peons and throws his suitcoat over the flattened form of the Hulkster. I really don't think Dustin Hoffman needs to worry. Great angle--but Vince's part was negligible.and what about this Brutus Beefcake incident. Sure I'm sorry he got his mush mashed, but am I p.o.'d at Vince for his remark about this halting Brutus's quest for the IC title? No way. It was an entirely appropriate remark. If an Olympic contender were taken out of competition by a freak accident, what would the commentators say? They'd say, "Looks like the gold medal isn't in the cards." Exactly the same situation, and I don't want any arguments.

I enjoy the Rosatti sisters' appearances on Prime Time, though the girls had best remember that even Spandex has its limits. And doesn't one of the sisters look enough like Gorilla Monsoon to be his twin? Any insights out there?.....whenever I see the Warlord in his new costume, makes me wonder if he's auditioning for the Phantom of the Opera.

Maalox Moment of the Month: Baron Von Raschke dancing to Buck Zumhofe's music. Lame Retread Gimmick of the Month (or maybe even the century)--Buck Zumhoffs. Gag me.

The Mark Lowrance Memorial Mouth Award winner this month is Lee Marshall. The director takes a shot of Ox Baker at ringside. Marshall asks: "Is that Ox Baker?" No Lee, it was Judy Garland.

If the Candyman Brad Armstrong turns heel, will he be called "Cavityman"?And how about that Eddie Gilbert. Must be something in the Memphis air that miraculously heels torn rotator cuffs.....And the undisputed winner of this month's "Talking Out Your Ass" award: Rick Rude from his Arsenio Hall appearance. Till next month--deal with it--it's my 2-cents.

Correspondent's Corner

<u>Princeton Arena</u> (PWF)	Princeton, WV	July 4, 1990
Correspondent: Leonard Sims		

1) Brad Anderson beat Chris Hamrick. 2) Tony Brown over Mad Max. 3) Bobby Reed pinned The Nightmare. 4) Hillbilly defeated Blue Demon. 5) Wahoo McDaniel and Manny Fernandez went to a double count out. 6) Assassin beat David Taylor. 7) Itallion Stallion retained the PWF (not same group as Florida) title by beating George South in a steel cage.

<u>Knight Center</u> (NWA)	Miami, FL	July 22, 1990
Correspondent: Jeff Bowdren		

1) Lou Perez beat Barry Horowitz. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Sid Vicious powerbombed Joe Defuria. * 3) Doug Furnas pinned Dutch Mantell. * $\frac{3}{4}$ 4) El Gigante clawed The Shadow. No grade. 5) Buddy Landell over Tom Zenk. Jeff and Dave Flaherty were getting on Z-Man and Zenk said, "Herd will hear about this." *** $\frac{1}{2}$ 6) Brian Pillman beat Mark Callous after Mark had used ropes but Zenk came out to explain what happened and ref restarted it. Brian rolled him up from behing right away. Paul E acted like he was on the phone and Jeff asked him if it was Eddie. Paul's response, "No, it's Dave Meltzer and he told me your a stooge." ** $\frac{3}{4}$ 7) Steiners downed Buddy Landell & Bobby Eaton as Rick steinerlined Buddy. Landell was out and hyperventilating. Cornette was going to give him mouth to mouth but changed his mind. He told Bobby to wake him up with a legdrop

from the top rope but the "Nature Boy" finally came to. Hilarious stuff. **** $\frac{1}{2}$
Great match too. 8) Arn Anderson pinned Paul Orndorff. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 9) Sting & Lex
Luger beat Barry Windham & Harley Race when Sting did a flying bodypress on
Race. At one point, a shoe flew into the ring and Jeff commented that J.J.
Dillon must have been there in drag. (It was a woman's shoe.) *** $\frac{3}{4}$

Meadowlands Arena (WWF) East Rutherford, NJ July 30, 1990
Correspondent: Elyse Zois

1) Haku savate kicked Jim Brunzell in a good opener. 2) Koko Ware used a bulldog to dispose of Lanny Poffo and then put his wig on. Good comedy. 3) Dusty Rhodes debuted in New Jersey pinning Buddy Rose. 4) Demolition beat The Hart Foundation. Ax and Smash wrestled with Crush outside. Bret had Smash rolled up but Crush reversed it for the win. 5) Brooklyn Brawler beat Barry O. (Sub for Brady Boone, suffering from a chair over the head.) 6) Curt Hennig retained the I-C Title as he was dq'd against Tito Santana for pushing the ref into Tito's flying forearm. 7) Hacksaw Duggan & Tugboat beat Dino Bravo & Earthquake as Hack hit Dino with the 2x4.

A.J. Palumbo Center (NWA) Pittsburgh, PA August 3, 1990
Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Midnight Express beat David Sierra & Brad Armstrong as the Midnights flap-jacked Sierra in 17:06. Steve Schonberger yelled to Cornette, "Hey Jim, do you want a Pepsi?". Corny replied, "Are you trying to kill me? I'm on Sprite." B 2) Bam Bam Bigelow beat Wendall Cooley with a headbutt in 7:36. C 3) Mark Callous beat Doug Furnas in 12:16 when Mean Mark reversed a flying bodypress. C 4) Steiner Brothers beat Samoan Swat Team as Scott pinned Fatu, B- 5) Lex Luger and Sid Vicious went to a double count out at 12:46 in a good brawl. B- 6) Rock N' Roll Express defeated Doom in a non-title which wasn't announced as such in 19:56. Gibson sunset flipped Simmons. B 7) El Gigante won a 14 man battle royal at 9:57. He Irish whipped Eaton into Lane sending them both out to win it. Rick Steiner and Eaton got into a good brawl when it was over. C Att? 2,000

Rochester War Memorial (WWF) Rochester, NY August 3, 1990
Correspondent: Sean Hendrick

1) Jim Brunzell over Buddy Rose with a dropkick in 12:15. Good bumps by Rose. B 2) Koko Ware used "the worst bulldog in the history of wrestling" to beat Lanny Poffo in 12:19. D- 3) Paul Roma beat Barry O with a powerslam in a tremendous match that went 20:48. The crowd was really into it. Sean wants to send more people to wherever Barry went to rehab. A 4) Rythm and Blues beat Bushwackers when Butch was doubleteamed and pinned in 19:47. 5) Jimmy Snuka beat Barbarian via DQ in 13:30 when Barbie slugged the ref. Snuka has a fu-manchu like when he worked heel for TBS. B- 6) Tugboat upset Earthquake when Duggan smacked him with a 2x4 and Boat pinned him. Worst match Sean has ever seen. F- Bravo announced as having immigration problems, thus, the no show.

Greensboro Coliseum (NWA) Greensboro, NC August 3, 1990
Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Star Blazer beat Dutch Mantell. D 2) Trucker Norman over Zan Panzer. D- 3) Mike Rotunda pinned Iron Sheik. D 4) Tommy Rich over Buddy Landell. Not bad. Had some action. C- 5) Southern Boys defeated Freebirds when Smothers pinned Garvin after a switch with Armstrong. C 6) Big Van Vader beat Tom Zenk in a five minute squash. Vader sprayed mist from his mask into Z-Man's face. C- 7) Arn Anderson & Barry Windham beat Junkyard Dog & Paul

Orndorff. After a ref bump, Barry used a chair to KO the Dog and he put Arn on top for the win. B- 8) Sting pinned Ric Flair to retain the NWA Title. Flair bled. Arn came down to ringside to distract the ref while Windham larieted Sting and put Ric on top. Great false finish. Sting reversed a Flair figure four into a small package for the victory.. Horsemen destroyed Sting until Southern Boys made the save. ATT: 5,000

Letters To "AR"

Drabble

I really enjoyed your Bash issue, a very good one. Sounds like you and the others attending had a great time, and I wish I could have been there.

Kudos to Scott Hudson's regular addition. His contributions are a real plus to "AR". Evan Ginzburg was good as usual, and everyone and everything else was fine also.

I got a kick out of reading about the origin of Cactus Jack's name. I was a correspondent to Bob Closson's excellent Mat Results bulletin for years, and in the mid 80's I sent in the Drabble comic strips to Closson. I was living in Florida then, and I got the strips on wrestling from the St. Petersburg afternoon paper. So, it's nice to know that in an indirect, roundabout way, I helped Jack Foley pick out his Cactus Jack name.

David Williamson
Cleveland, TN

RL- Thanks David. I'd like to wish Dave a speedy recovery as he's been a bit under the weather recently.

Ferkster

What? A contract out on J.Z. Travis? Let's finalize the details: how much, how long, and which body part do you want as a souvenir?

On a slightly different matter: is it true Harry "Studmuffins" White gets turned on by crotchless spicked leather underwear?

Ferk
Baltimore, MD

RL- I ran this letter through my censor board but with a committee of Lance Levine, Ted Field, and Kent Herron, what did you expect? Body parts? Are you related to Haku? We'll let Harry answer the other question.

NWA

Wanted to let you know how much I've enjoyed the sheet over the last several months. As only a fringe participant in the game, I realize the time and money sacrifices you make and I'm sure you often ask yourself why. Well, I'm one of the whys: you have brought a great deal of enjoyment to my life. Thanks for the hard yet hopefully enjoyable work.

The NWA seems to me headed into a period of "Nostalgia" which, unfortunately is not in its best interest. If the NWA wants to exist, they should play as "THE" wrestling organization. The "Open Door" policy set out by the Von Erich group in the late '80's (failed because they wouldn't pay reasonable wages) should be instituted by the NWA. Ask the fans. Who do they want to see? If the poll results in people saying Hulk Hogan, at least Ted knows where he stands.

If the poll says Bam Bam Bigelow--get him, Terry Funk--get him, Muta--get him, Steamboat--get him, Owen Hart--get him, ...etc. Dreaming some would say, but look at the stars they got to come back with no one asking. There are many more names around: Tully, Destruction Crew, Nasty Boys, Steve Keirn (good example: he could run a better four week program as heel or face than most current NWA boys), and many exciting regional guys who (as always) go unmentioned.

The point is that the NWA better consider where it is going and how it may get there. It lets the Tim Horners, Sam Houstons, Brad Armstrongs, Italian Stallions go unworked while T-Bolt, Ole, and company get the T.V. time. I really think the future is here. Let the youth, lead by Sting, take over. Junkface would not be in Sting's aerobics class.

Tom Lamparter
Irvine, CA

RL- Thanks for the kind words Tom. Good point on the open door policy and a reader poll but I don't think it'd work, mainly due to all the silly politics that goes on in this business. It'll snow in Hell before any group listens to the fans, the people who pay for their product.

Paul Roma

I'm glad to see that Paul Roma wised up and became a heel. As a face, he had a future of squash after televised squash to drag him into the depths of oblivion. Hopefully, by turning heel, Roma will get some of the glory (RL- pun intended?) he deserves. The only thing I see wrong about Paul being a heel is that Slick will be managing him and Hercules. The WWF did a poor job of turning Paul and Herc. They should have had The Rockers & Herc & Roma wrestle four talented heel jobbers. Somewhere in the battle, one of the Rockers accidentally hits Roma during a double team maneuver. Roma is then pinned by the legal man from the opposing team. After the bout, The Rockers check on Roma, who along with Herc, ambush them to set up the feud.

John Herron
Marble Hill, MO

RL- Your right about Slick. Anyone he manages never goes far. But look for them to get the duke over The Rockers at Summer Scam.

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A get well soon to Matwatch editor Steve Beverly who recently suffered a stress attack. Take it easy guy....Poor John Tatum. First he lost Missy to Eddie Gilbert and now Tessa to Bill Dundee. If a booker ever asks "Hollywood" John to use his girlfriend as a valet, what do you think his answer will be?.... Sporting News columnist Mark Whicker recently said in his column, "Bobby "The Brain" Heenan has brought technology to the World Wrestling Federation. The manager of Ravishing Rick Rude and Mr. Perfect now prowls the sidelines (ringlune?) wearing the first headset seen in pro wrestling. Marvelous new shtick, but who's the eye in the sky?"....An indy in Dravosburg, PA presented "Rumble By The River" on 7/28 drawing 300 to see "American Patriot" Bill Fishinger win a 14 man battle royal....Yes, Klon and I did attend the IWA TV taping at Disney. It seems like ages ago. I could have done an issue thst weekend but we didn't find out the location until two days before hand. It seems like ages ago but it was nice seeing different guys like Dukes, Rice, Cameron, Dean Malenko, and Slick Mick Karch. Best worker on the card was Tommy Rogers, his just so good. Why Bobby Fulton rather use his untalented brother Jackie is beyond me.....John McAdam of 303-5 Brook Village Rd., Nashua, N.H. 03062, has a list of over 100 wrestling tapes available. The list costs \$1, and includes many matches from the early '80's and Japan.... TU Rasslin Riot is a new publication from Tape Update editor Brian Tramel. Tape Update is dead and the spawn is a new wrestling bulletin based on humor and opinion. Write Brian at 1806 Self Circle Apt. B, Jonesboro, AR 72401. Get the premiere issue free by saying you read about RIOT in "AR". You may also subscribe by sending \$3 for the first five issues, which also includes a FREE issue. Now those were Brian's words. Let me tell you, it's a super read. Even if Tom Robinson got me in trouble with comparing me to Brian Pillman Cheryl started asking what really goes on at our get togethers. Thanks Piss Boy.

Running out of room, gotta go. See you next week and don't forget, go back to page 4 and finish reading. See ya, Ron